

Regular Meeting

January 4, 2016

The regular meeting of the Millcreek Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:57 a.m. by Chairman Groh in the Assembly Room of the Millcreek Township Municipal Building. Present were Mark Zaksheske, Brian McGrath, John Groh, John Morgan, Evan Adair, Esq., Richard Morris, P.E. and Sheryl Williams.

Following the Pledge to the Flag, Chairman Groh called for public comment on agenda items other than development or rezoning applications. Robert Visznecki, 2804 Madeira Drive, asked why there are no federal credit unions on the list of Fund Depositories for 2016. Mr. McGrath stated that he does not recall the Township using any credit unions, but noted that employee direct deposits into credit unions are permitted. Mr. Zaksheske noted that periodically the Township does solicit quotations from various financial institutions, but noted that public funds must be guaranteed by their financial institutions, and he is not sure of the legality of using credit unions and if the FDIC guarantees are large enough to cover the Township's funds.

It was moved by Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Groh and carried by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the Board's December 22, 2015 meeting.

It was moved by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Morgan to approve payment of the General Fund bills from December 30, 2015 in the amount of \$201,290.66. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

It was moved by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Morgan to enact Ordinance 2016-1; An Ordinance to amend the Millcreek Township Zoning Ordinance, No. 2011-8, as amended, by changing the classification of certain parcels of land situate in the Township of Millcreek, Erie County, Pennsylvania, described as follows, to-wit: Property at 5440 Henderson Road, now zoned I-1 Light Industrial District, to be rezoned to R-1 Single Family Residential District; and Property at 2381 Zimmerly Road, now zoned C-1 Local Commercial District, to be rezoned to C-4 Regional Commercial District. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

It was moved by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Morgan to adopt Resolution 2016-R-3; a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors that effective January 1, 2016, and continuing until such time as changed by later adopted resolution of the Township Board of Supervisors, the amount of participant contributions to be paid into the Millcreek Township Police Pension Plan shall be set at the rate of five percent (5%) of the participant's compensation. Mr. Zaksheske explained that traditionally the police contribute 5% and there have been no changes from the previous year. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. McGrath announced the annual Christmas Tree Collection and Recycling will again take place at the Millfair Recycling Center on Sat., January 19, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. – Noon. Monetary donations will be accepted and will benefit the Emmaus Soup Kitchen.

Mr. McGrath reported that Human Resources Manager Diane Lyons received a letter from former Supervisor Mr. Figaski requesting that the Township allow him to retain his appointed employee position and would like to be notified of such in writing. On motion by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Morgan, Mr. Figaski's request was denied, as his appointed position has been filled by Mr. Groh, and Mr. Figaski will be notified in writing. No public comment was received. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

On recommendation of Human Resources Manager Diane Lyons, it was moved by Mr. Groh and seconded by Mr. McGrath to appoint Chief Michael Tesore as Director of Police, a civilian position, effective February 1, 2016. Mr. Tesore is retiring on January 31, 2016, and has agreed to serve in

this capacity at the same salary. The Board feels that this will allow Chief Tesore to see his goals for the department to fruition as well. Mr. Morgan stated that he has reservation about creating a new position and is concerned about no longer having a Chief of Police. Mr. McGrath responded that this is not the intent, and Mr. Groh added that this is a temporary measure and added, that the new Chief of Police may come from within the department or from outside the department.

Delores Hartle, 5024 LaRae Drive, asked how this will affect Chief Tesore's pension. Mr. McGrath replied that Chief Tesore's salary will remain the same, and clarified that Mr. Tesore will not be eligible to participate in a civilian pension plan, as he will already be receiving a pension from the police pension fund. Ms. Hartle stated that Millcreek Township could benefit by opening the position up outside the department. Mr. Morgan again raised a concern about creating a new position and would like to see the Board further discuss this in the future. There being no further public comment, the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Ms. Hartle also spoke about the future of a senior center, asking if the former location at the United States Post Office is still being leased. Mr. Groh responded that it is still being leased, but that the Township is currently in negotiations to dissolve the lease. Ms. Hartle asked if the Board would consider revisiting the senior center issue, to which Mr. Groh replied yes, but the Board would like to investigate the possibility of creating a community-oriented center that would benefit all residents. He emphasized that this would require good planning. Mr. Morgan, as the Board's liaison to Senior Services, stated that he would like to work with senior residents and the Director of Public Services on this project.

Dave Serfozo, 3235 Hidden Lane, asked if the Millcreek Golf Course club house could be used by the seniors, but Mr. McGrath stated that it cannot be operated during the winter, and the seniors have stated that it is not large enough. Mr. Serfozo asked if the golf course will be available for use again, and offered to work with the Board to help with this project. Mr. McGrath replied that the EPA has certain requirements the Township must meet to maintain the course, and is hopeful that the Board will consider reopening it.

There being no citizens to be heard or any further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Groh to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Sheryl A. Williams
Assistant Secretary

Approved: January 26, 2016

John H. Groh
Brian P. McGrath
John E. Morgan